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INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA VISA PROBLEM: TMOMAS E. TYLER
AND FAMILY

REF: MASERU 526

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COURTESY COPY OF LETTER FROM THOMAS E. TYLER ADDRESSED TO SENATOR HUMPHREY COMPLAINING OF SOUTH AFRICA VISA DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AMERICAN CITIZENS. SINCE DEPARTMENT LIKELY TO RECEIVE INQUIRY FROM SENATOR HUMPHREY'S OFFICE, FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION IS PROVIDED. PARA 3 REFTEL ALSO REFERS.

2. TYLER IS USAID EMPLOYEE SECONDED TO UNDP/FAO AND ASSIGNED TO LESOTHO. UPON ARRIVAL IN LESOTHO JANUARY 1975, HE APPLIED TO SAG FOR VISAS FOR HIMSELF AND FAMILY. SAG RESPONSE WAS THAT TYLER SHOULD APPLY FOR "LAISSEZ-PASSER" USING HIS UN TRAVEL DOCUMENT SINCE SAG REGULATIONS PROVIDE THAT ALL UN EMPLOYEES MUST USE UN TRAVEL DOCUMENT TO ENTER SOUTH AFRICA, REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY.

3. AT EMBASSY MASERU'S REQUEST, EMBASSY PRETORIA HAS INTERCEDED ON TYLER'S BEHALF NUMBER OF TIMES. LATEST REPLY FROM SAG OF WHICH WE AWARE IS DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE DATED JUNE 27, 1975, ADVISING THAT TYLER MUST APPLY FOR "LAISSEZ-PASSER" USING UN TRAVEL DOCUMENT.

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BELIEVE EMBASSY PRETORIA IS CONTINUING TO PURSUE CASE ON

TYLER'S BEHALF.

4. EMBASSY MASERU BELIEVES ALL AMERICANS IN LESOTHO SHOULD USE AMERICAN PASSPORTS FOR TRAVEL TO SOUTH AFRICA AND THAT SAG INSISTENCE ON TYLER'S USING UN TRAVEL DOCUMENT IS CASE OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AMERICANS WHO HAPPEN TO BE EMPLOYED BY UN. FURTHERMORE, EMBASSY KNOWS OF OTHER UN EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RECEIVED FULL VALIDTY SOUTH AFRICAN VISAS IN THEIR NATIONAL PASSPORTS, BUT THESE MAY BE CASES OF SAG NOT BEING AWARE THEIR UN AFFILIATION.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY PRETORIA ADVISE OF ANY MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN TYLER CASE.

6. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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